Shortage of kerosene in Rajasthan

3759. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of kerosene in the rural areas of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details of steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Central Government make kerosene allocation to StatesUnion Territories and States/Union Territories undertake distribution of kerosene under Public Distribution System. Government has no information regarding shortage of kerosene in the rural areas of Rajasthan.

Oil refinery at Bina in M.P.

3760. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up an oil refinery as joint venture in collaboration with Oman at Bina in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time it would take to start production; and

(d) what is the total estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in collaboration with Oman Oil Company proposes to set up 6 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) grassroot refinery at Bina in Madhya Pradesh alongwith related crude import facility consisting of Single Point Mooring (SPM), Crude Oil Terminal

(COT) at Vadinar (Gujarat) and cross-country crude oil pipeline from Vadinar to Bina.

(c) The project is expected to be completed within 42 months from the date of commencement of its execution.

(d) The estimated revised project cost is Rs. 6354 crore at September, 2001 prices.

Joint operation of Panna-Mukta Oil Field

3761. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2486 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th April, 2002 and state:

(a) what are the terms of the agreement reached between ONGC, Reliance and British Gas for jointly operating Panna-Mukta and Tapti oil and gas fields; and

(b) the estimated oil and gas potential of these oil fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. and Ms. British Gas have constituted a working group to discuss different joint operatorship models for the Panna-Mukta and Tapti oil and gas fields. No agreement for jointly operating these fields has been finalised.

(b) The details of oil and gas reserves of Panna-Mukta and Tapti fields as on 1.4.2002 are as under:

Field	Oil (Million Metric Tonne)	Gas (Billion Cubic Metre)
Panna-Mukta	21.85	31.75
Tapti	—	42.86